



Seven Mile Herd Management Area

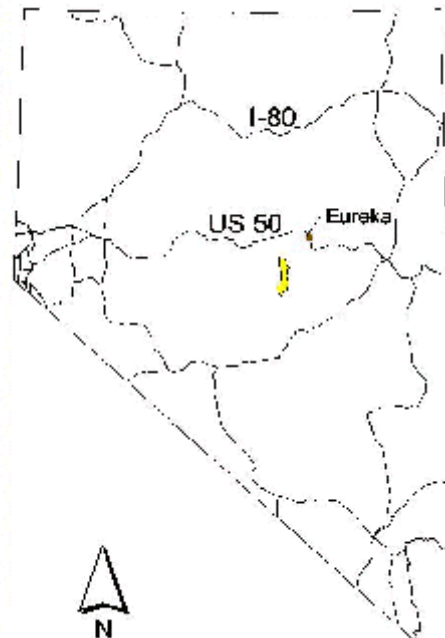
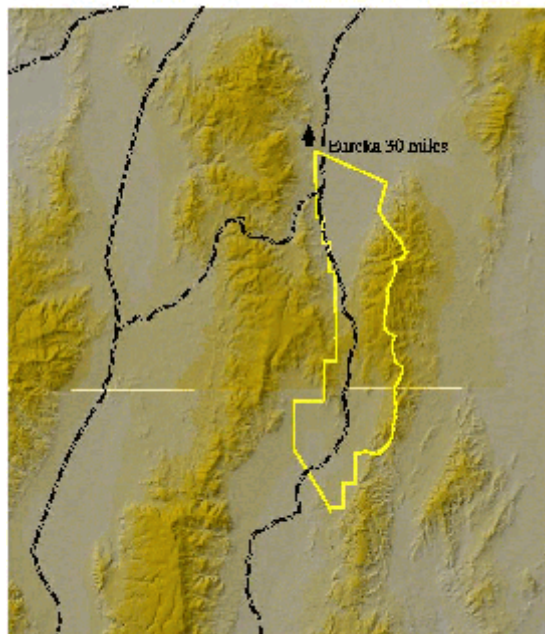
Eureka County, Nevada



Location/Habitat

The Seven Mile Herd Management Area (HMA) is approximately 30 miles southwest of Eureka, Nevada, in Eureka County. The area consists of 97,480 acres and encompasses a length of 31 miles, and is only 8 miles wide. The terrain across most of the former Shoshone-Eureka planning area managed by the Battle Mountain Field Office is typical of the Great Basin region with steep north and south trending mountain ranges separated by large sweeping valley bottoms. Nevada has the largest number of mountain ranges in the United States. Temperatures range in excess of 100 degrees Fahrenheit in the summer to less than 20 degrees below zero in the winter. Precipitation is in short supply with an annual total of only 5 to 16 inches. Nevada is the driest state in the nation with the least amount of annual rainfall and the lowest amount of surface water.

This HMA is comprised of a long narrow valley nestled between the Toiyabe National Forest Monitor Range to the west, and the Antelope Range to the east. The lowest points of the valley are 6,300 feet in elevation, reaching 10,105 feet at Nine Mile peak in the Antelope Mountain Range. This narrow HMA serves as the transition point between the Antelope Valley to the north, and the Little Fish Lake Valley to the south.



In addition to wild horses, the HMA is often utilized by domestic cattle and domestic sheep. Wildlife species occurring in the area include mule deer, sage grouse, chukar, coyotes, mountain lions, bobcats, pronghorn antelope and numerous other small mammals, birds, and reptiles.

Vegetation

Vegetation types are distributed according to topography and elevation and the associated precipitation. Within the highest elevations, and subsequently the greatest precipitation, the vegetation consists primarily of pinyon-pine and juniper trees, mountain and low sagebrush. The lower and drier elevations consist of saltbush, greasewood, sagebrush and a variety of annual and perennial grasses and wildflowers. In some areas it can take 25 acres to support one horse for one month.

Herd Description

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